



THE INAUGURATION
OF

BRUNETTA REID WOLFMAN, PHD
AS
FOURTH PRESIDENT OF
ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

William F. Looney Building
Auditorium

APRIL 16, 1983

1:30 - 2:45 PM

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A BRIEF HISTORY

Roxbury Community College, established in 1973 by the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges, has evolved from the 1962 dream of the Roxbury Citizens Group into a positive, necessary and powerful influence on the lives of Roxbury and countless other Greater Boston residents. When Roxbury Community College first opened its doors in September 1973 to 400 students, it was housed in a storefront facility in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury. Despite its humble facilities, Roxbury's pioneering community college emphasized its innovative liberal arts programs for non-traditional students seeking access to a college education. The communities served by Roxbury Community College's student population responded eagerly to these program offerings ensuring a steady increase in Roxbury Community College's student population.

In 1975 Roxbury Community College moved from its Grove Hall site to 424 Dudley Street in Roxbury. This move allowed the college to expand its program offerings to include degree and 1-year certificate programs in the burgeoning technical fields. This era also saw the strengthening and expansion of many college services, such as the expansion of the library into a comprehensive Learning Resources Center.

In the summer of 1982, Roxbury Community College moved to its present temporary site at 625 Huntington Avenue, Boston. The College's curriculum has grown to include a broad spectrum of liberal arts, career, and technical degree and certificate programs in both the day and evening divisions. Additionally, the Division of Continuing Education offers seminars, workshops and courses by cable television which fill the needs of Boston's residents and its industries. These programs service more than 2,000 students who enroll at Roxbury Community College for an education which for many would have otherwise been denied.

As Dr. Brunetta R. Wolfman assumes leadership of this institution, plans are well underway to build a permanent site for Roxbury Community College. A permanent facility will ensure the College's growth, and will make it, in Dr. Wolfman's words, "a place in which each individual can showcase his or her own special talents".



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SPEAKERS

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Remarks	Brunetta R. Wolfman, Ph. D., President
Benediction	Reverend Henderson Brome

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING



PRESIDENTIAL PROFILE

Roxbury Community College, the only predominantly third world college in Massachusetts, inaugurates Dr. Brunetta Reid Wolfman as its fourth president.

Dr. Wolfman received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She brings to the Presidency extensive experience in higher education administration from both the public and private sectors. She also has a number of publications to her credit.

The presidency of Roxbury Community College is a logical extension of her past experiences and Dr. Wolfman has much to contribute to the College and the Community. Education is so vitally important and the environment in which it exists helps to make it strong. With this in mind, she has set as her first priority the construction of permanent quarters to house Roxbury Community College. Other priorities include expanding career programs, reassessing academic programs and building extensive support for the College.

These ambitious goals are the tools with which Dr. Wolfman intends to lead Roxbury Community College into its "Golden Age".



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